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PATENTAMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled).
2. (Previously presented) A package as set forth in claim 19 wherein the closure is positioned at least about 4 millimeters from the distal edge of the flap.
3. (Original) A package as set forth in claim 2 wherein the closure is positioned about 16 millimeters from the distal edge of the flap.
4. (Previously presented) A package as set forth in claim 19 wherein said distal edge is substantially straight and said adhesive closure includes an elongate strip of adhesive material extending substantially parallel to the distal edge of the packaging flap.
5. (Original) A package as set forth in claim 4 wherein the elongate strip of adhesive material has a width of less than about 20 millimeters.
6. (Original) A package as set forth in claim 5 wherein the strip of adhesive material has a width of more than about 2 millimeters.
7. (Original) A package as set forth in claim 5 wherein the strip of adhesive material has a width of about 7 millimeters.

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8. (Original) A package as set forth in claim 4 wherein the strip of adhesive material is substantially continuous and uninterrupted along its entire length.

9. (Original) A package as set forth in claim 4 wherein the flap is substantially rectangular.

10. (Previously presented) A package as set forth in claim 19 wherein the adhesive closure extends substantially an entire width of the flap.

11. (Previously presented) A package as set forth in claim 19 wherein the adhesive closure is a two sided tape.

12. (Previously presented) A package as set forth in claim 19 wherein the adhesive closure is a hot melt adhesive.

13. (Previously presented) A package as set forth in claim 19 wherein the flap has an inner face and an outer face, and the adhesive closure is positioned on said inner face of the flap for releasably holding said flap in the closed position.

14. (Canceled).

15. (Previously presented) A package as set forth in claim 19 wherein the plurality of absorbent articles are arranged in a stack.

16. (Canceled).

17. (Previously presented) A package as set forth in claim 19 wherein the feminine care product comprises a panty liner.

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18. (Previously presented) A package as set forth in claim 19 wherein the feminine care product comprises an interlabial pad.

19. (Currently amended) A package comprising:
a plural number of individually wrapped absorbent feminine care articles; and

reclosable packaging comprising:

a middle portion and a back portion together at least in part forming a flexible pocket having a hollow interior receiving said plural number of absorbent feminine care articles;

the hollow interior of the pocket having a volume which is substantially filled by the plural number of individually wrapped feminine care articles so that the pocket conforms to the articles, said pocket being of ~~unitary~~ single-piece construction;

an opening extending into the hollow interior of the pocket, said opening being sized and shaped for permitting at least one of said plural number of individually wrapped feminine care articles to be withdrawn from said hollow interior of the pocket;

a flap attached to the pocket and adapted for covering the opening to retain said plural number of individually wrapped feminine care articles in the hollow interior of the pocket, said flap being selectably moveable between an open position in which the opening is generally unobstructed by said flap to permit said article to be withdrawn through the opening and a closed position in which the flap covers the opening and at least a portion of an exterior area of the middle portion of the pocket to retain said plural number of articles in the

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pocket and to prevent said plural number of articles from passing through the opening; and

a reclosable adhesive closure comprising an adhesive material positioned on said flap for releasably securing the flap in its closed position on said exterior area of the middle portion of the pocket, the adhesive closure being spaced from a distal edge of the flap to permit a portion of the flap to be grasped and separated from the pocket without releasing the closure, said flap being releasably securable by said adhesive closure substantially anywhere on said exterior area of said middle portion of the pocket.

20. (Canceled).

21. (Currently amended) A package comprising:

a plural number of individually wrapped absorbent feminine care articles; and

reclosable packaging comprising:

a middle portion and a back portion together ~~at least in part~~ forming a flexible pocket having a hollow interior receiving said plural number of absorbent feminine care articles, the hollow interior of the pocket having a volume which is substantially filled by the plural number of individually wrapped feminine care articles so that the pocket conforms to the articles;

an opening extending into the hollow interior of the pocket, said opening being sized and shaped for permitting at least one of said plural number of individually wrapped feminine care articles to be withdrawn from said hollow interior of the pocket;

a flap attached to the pocket and adapted for covering the opening to retain said plural number of individually wrapped

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feminine care articles in the hollow interior of the pocket, said flap being selectably moveable between an open position in which the opening is generally unobstructed by said flap to permit said article to be withdrawn through the opening and a closed position in which the flap covers the opening and at least a portion of an exterior area of the middle portion of the pocket to retain said plural number of articles in the pocket and to prevent said plural number of articles from passing through the opening, the flap being everywhere free from flush alignment with the pocket in the closed position of said flap; and

a reclosable adhesive closure comprising an adhesive material positioned on said flap for releasably securing the flap in its closed position on said exterior area of the middle portion of the pocket, the adhesive closure being spaced from a distal edge of the flap to permit a portion of the flap to be grasped and separated from the pocket without releasing the closure, said flap being releasably securable by said adhesive closure substantially anywhere on said exterior area of said middle portion of the pocket.

22. (Canceled).

23. (Currently amended) A package comprising:

a plural number of individually wrapped absorbent feminine care articles; and

reclosable packaging comprising:

a flexible pocket comprising at least in part a first wall and having a hollow interior receiving said plural number of absorbent feminine care articles, the hollow interior of the pocket having a volume which is substantially filled by the

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plural number of individually wrapped feminine care articles so that the pocket conforms to the articles;

an opening extending into the hollow interior of the pocket, said opening being sized and shaped for permitting at least one of said plural number of individually wrapped feminine care articles to be withdrawn from said hollow interior of the pocket;

a flap attached to the pocket and adapted for covering the opening to retain said plural number of individually wrapped feminine care articles in the hollow interior of the pocket, said flap being selectably moveable between an open position in which the opening is generally unobstructed by said flap to permit said article to be withdrawn through the opening and a closed position in which the flap covers the opening and a first portion of the first wall of the pocket to retain said plural number of articles in the pocket and to prevent said plural number of articles from passing through the opening, a second portion of the first wall being uncovered by the flap in the closed position of the flap, the flap being free from flush alignment with said uncovered second portion of the first wall in the closed position of said flap; and

a reclosable adhesive closure comprising an adhesive material positioned on said flap for releasably securing the flap in its closed position anywhere on said exterior area of the pocket, the adhesive closure being spaced from a distal edge of the flap to permit a portion of the flap to be grasped and separated from the pocket without releasing the closure.

24. (Canceled).

25. (New) A package comprising:

a plural number of individually wrapped absorbent feminine

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care articles; and

reclosable packaging comprising:

a rectangular sheet having opposing side edges and opposite end edges;

a first fold extending between the side edges of the sheet to define a bottom of the packaging, the first fold separating a middle portion of the packaging from a back portion of the packaging, the middle and back portions of the packaging being sealingly joined along overlapping side edges to define a flexible pocket;

the pocket having a hollow interior for receiving said plural number of absorbent feminine care articles, the hollow interior of the pocket having a volume which is substantially filled by the plural number of individually wrapped feminine care articles so that the pocket conforms to the articles;

an opening extending into the hollow interior of the pocket, said opening being sized and shaped for permitting at least one of said plural number of individually wrapped feminine care articles to be withdrawn from said hollow interior of the pocket;

a second fold extending between the side edges of the sheet generally parallel to and above the first fold to define a top of the packaging, the second fold separating the middle portion of the packaging from a front portion of the packaging, the front portion of the packaging defining a flap;

the flap being adapted for covering the opening to retain said plural number of individually wrapped feminine care articles in the hollow interior of the pocket, said flap being selectably moveable between an open position in which the opening is generally unobstructed by said flap to permit said article to be withdrawn through the opening and a closed

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position in which the flap covers the opening and a first portion of the first wall of the pocket to retain said plural number of articles in the pocket and to prevent said plural number of articles from passing through the opening, a second portion of the first wall being uncovered by the flap in the closed position of the flap, the flap being free from flush alignment with said uncovered second portion of the first wall in the closed position of said flap; and

a reclosable adhesive closure comprising an adhesive material positioned on said flap for releasably securing the flap in its closed position on said exterior area of the middle portion of the pocket, the adhesive closure being spaced from a distal edge of the flap to permit a portion of the flap to be grasped and separated from the pocket without releasing the closure, said flap being releasably securable by said adhesive closure substantially anywhere on said exterior area of said middle portion of the pocket.